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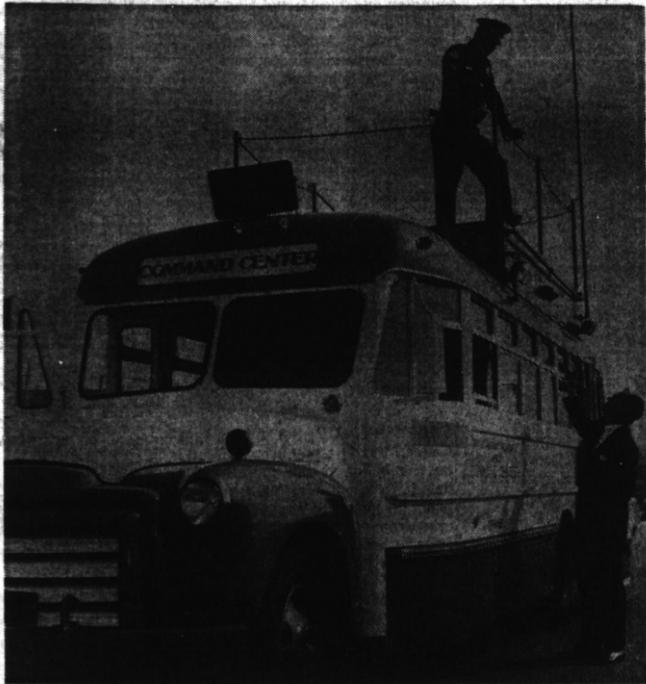
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COMMAND CENTER . . . Work on a Mobile Command Center for the city's Police Department has been completed and the center has been placed in service. Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig has announced. A 1951 model bus, the center provides space for communications equipment, an office area for the commander of field forces, and work areas. In addition, a platform on top of the center can be used when needed. Police Sgt. Mel Hone Jr. (on the platform) was coordinator of the project for the Police Department. Ken MacRae, superintendent of the city garage, supervised construction of the center.



AT RADIO BOARD . . . Ken MacRae, city garage superintendent, and Police Sgt. Mel Hone Jr. are pictured in the communications section of the city's new Mobile Command Center. A bank of 23 radios have been installed in the converted bus. In addition, generators and batteries have been installed. The center is completely self-contained and is not dependent on any outside power source for operation. It will be used in emergency situations, Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig said. (Press-Herald Photos)

Six File for School Board Race in April

Three Decide To Run

The election to select a successor to the late Charles E. Chapel in the 46th Assembly District will draw at least three candidates according to current information.

Dorothy Chapel, widow of the veteran legislator, formally announced that she would be a Republican candidate to succeed her husband.

Mayor Robert G. Beverly, who challenged Chapel last year in the Republican primary, also announced that he would seek the post.

Redondo Councilman J. O. Lee Solomon, who opposed Chapel last fall as the Democrat's nominee, said he would run in the April 11 primary.

Beverly revealed that he had turned down an appointment offered by Governor Reagan to enter the race. The 41-year-old attorney said he had been asked to serve as executive secretary to the governor's Intergovernmental Council on Urban Growth.

Teachers Will Back Bond Vote

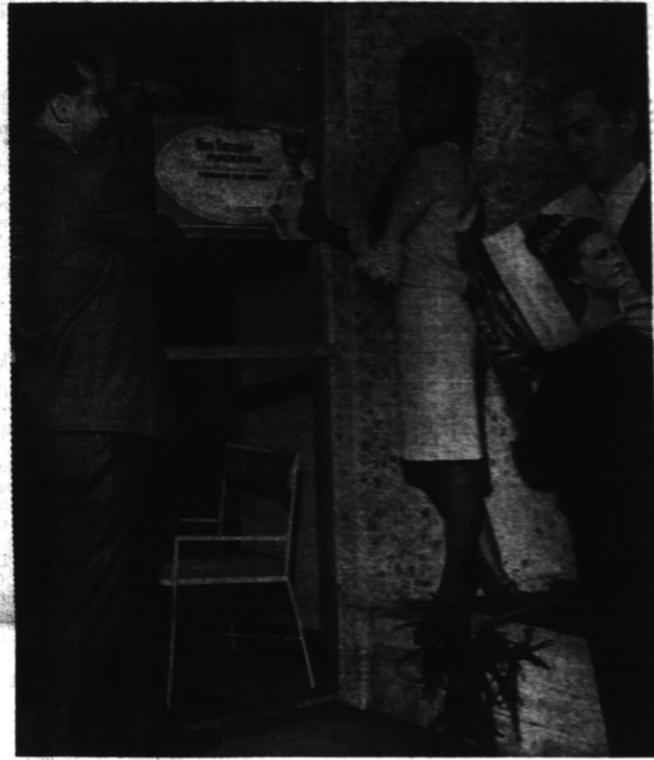
The Torrance Education Association (TEA) has endorsed the \$2,350,000 library bond issue which will be on the April 18 ballot here. George McMullen, chairman of the Steering Committee for the Library Bond, said today.

The TEA joins such organizations as the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the Torrance Family YMCA, Friends of the Library, and the League of Women Voters in recommending approval of the bond issue, McMullen said.

Funds from the sale of the bonds, if the issue is approved, will be used to buy land and build libraries, including a new central library, and to purchase books.

McMullen said Torrance will not be a part of the county library system after June 30, 1968, and books presently on the shelves of Torrance libraries will be removed.

"If voters approve the bond measure, the book shelves won't be empty," McMullen said.



PROMOTE BEAUTY PAGEANT . . . Susan Foster, reigning Miss Torrance, joins officials of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce in promoting the pageant which will name her successor. James Clanson (left), pageant director, helps Miss Foster put up a poster while Ian Godbold, publicity director for the Jaycees, scans a brochure on the Miss America contest. The annual beauty pageant, a preliminary in the Miss America contest, will be conducted April 1 at Torrance High School. Girls between 18 and 28 years of age are eligible. (Press-Herald Photo)

Others May Be In Race

At least six persons—including two incumbents—qualified to be listed on the April 18 ballot for the Torrance Board of Education Friday as the deadline for filing passed.

Additional candidates may be added to the list tomorrow, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools said. County offices were deluged with nomination papers from throughout the county as the 5 p.m. deadline approached Friday, it was reported.

Filing was completed Friday by:

John Kirby, 1812 Plaza del Amo.

Jim Peters, 3747 W. 168th St.

Arnold Katz, 22803 Fern Ave.

John Abshear, 19905 Anza Ave.

Kurt Shery, M.D., 1745 Maple Ave., an incumbent.

In addition, Mrs. Kenneth Watts, 145 via Monte d'Oro, the second incumbent, filed her nomination papers Friday afternoon. Her candidacy had not, however, been certified by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Man Chases Holdup Suspect, Nabs Him

An off-duty Torrance policeman and a Long Beach man were credited Friday with the capture of a robbery suspect after he fled from the scene of a traffic accident.

The suspect, identified as Stanley S. Vance, 19, of 1820 S. Cloverdale, Los Angeles, was booked at the Torrance City Jail about 12:30 p.m. and then released to the Redondo Beach Police Department.

Vance was being held on a robbery charge in connection with the robbery of \$400 in cash and an unknown number of checks from a Redondo market. Two other suspects are still being sought.

Herbert Frieda of Long Beach captured Vance at a North Torrance service station and held him until David Siebert, an off-duty police officer, arrived.

Siebert had stopped at Artesia Boulevard and Yukon Avenue after Vance's car went out of control and hit a utility pole.

Police said Frieda first began the chase when he pulled into the parking lot at the market, located at 182nd Street and Hawthorne Boulevard. Several employees of the market told him of the robbery and pointed out the fleeing vehicle.

The market employes got into Frieda's car and Frieda began chasing the fleeing vehicle.

The two other suspects, who have not been captured,

were Negroes. One carried a revolver and was about 6-foot-4. The other was shorter and carried an automatic handgun.

VOTERS WILL select two members of the Board of Education in the April 18 balloting. In addition, three city measures will be submitted to the voters in the consolidated school and municipal election.

They include a \$2,350,000 library bond issue and two charter amendments which would increase the salary of city councilmen from \$100 to (See ELECTION on Page A-2)

Pueblo Head Start Class To Host Open House Event

Children in the Head Start classes at St. Joseph's Mission, 2314 Del Amo Blvd., will hold a week-long open house in observance of Nursery Education Week tomorrow through Friday.

The public is invited to visit the center any day this week between 9:30 and 11 a.m. A special evening program is scheduled Tuesday from 7 until 9 p.m.

Classes will be in session during the morning hours and projects made by children in the classes will be on display. Refreshments will be

served throughout the day. Mrs. JoAnn Scrivner, Mrs. Jean McDowell, Mrs. Helen Greendale, and Miss Ruby Bustamante are teachers. Some 30 children from the Pueblo Community are enrolled in two classes at the mission.

The program is administered by the Council of Mexican-American Affairs.

Permits Total Only \$1.2 Million

Building permits valued at \$1.2 million were issued here during February, John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety, has announced.

Actual value of the 204 permits issued during the month was \$1,239,705, McKinnon said.

Industrial construction paced building activity in the city, accounting for more than half the total value of all new construction.

Largest permit issued was given to U. S. Steel Corp.

for construction of a tower building to house new casting equipment. It was valued at \$475,000.

Two permits for new homes were issued. Under them, seven new single-family homes will be built at a combined value of \$193,290. A total of 10 new homes have been started in the city since the first of the year.

No new apartment units have been included in the building permit totals for the first two months of the year. Total value of all permits

issued since Jan. 1 is \$3,596,420. During the first two months of 1966, nearly \$4.4 million in building permits was issued.

Other large permits issued during February included: First Baptist Church of Torrance, \$80,000 for a new Sunday School and Fellowship hall; R. G. Garland Corp., \$169,860 for six of the seven homes included in the monthly totals; and the Garrett Corp., \$75,000 for the foundation for a new industrial building.

Manhattan Man Freed By Court

Charges of assault with intent to commit rape against a 21-year-old Manhattan Beach man were dismissed Friday.

Judge Otto B. Willett dismissed charges against Craig Grantland Caldwell, 21, of 117 Fifth St., Manhattan Beach following a preliminary hearing in Division 3 of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Caldwell was arrested Feb. 23 under a warrant signed by Judge Willett after a 14-year-old Torrance girl told police Caldwell had attacked her on the evening of Jan. 21.

Two Ministers Sentenced

The Rev. Clarence T. (Kelly) Walberg was fined \$1,000 and placed on three years probation Thursday after his conviction on charges growing out of County Grand Jury indictment last July which accused him and a colleague of getting about \$500,000 from church backers in his Cup of Cold Water Ministry, Inc. As a condition of probation, he is not to associate with the Rev. Wayne Davidson of Santa Ana, who was fined \$500 and given similar probation. He also is not to solicit money from the public, must account for all money received, and may not be a member of any board or corporation.

Renewal Decision Due

Torrance councilmen, sitting as members of the city's Redevelopment Agency, are scheduled to render a decision at 7 p.m. Tuesday on the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project. Councilmen will be voting on a proposal to convert the 34-acre area, located at the West end of the Torrance Municipal Airport, into an industrial park. Public hearings on the proposal were conducted Feb. 6.

School Boundary on Agenda

Attendance boundaries for the new Grace Wright Elementary School, now under construction on Spencer Street west of Hawthorne Boulevard, will be discussed tomorrow when the Torrance Board of Education convenes. Trustees will meet in the Girls' Gymnasium at Torrance High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Under the plan being recommended by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, boundaries for the new school would be Del Amo, Hawthorne, and Torrance boulevards and Anza Avenue. All students with an Anza Avenue address would attend the new school.